

XIII.

Stfcrn. I. (LXXIY.)

The deity is AGNI; the IfosM, GOTAMA, SOE of
BAHUGA&A; the

metre, *GdyatrL*

1. Hastening to the sacrifice, let
us repeat a
prayer to AG-NI, who hears us from afar ;
2. "Who, existing of old, has preserved
wealth, for
the sacrificer, when malevolent men are
assembled
together.
3. Let men praise AGNI, as soon as
generated, the
slayer of VBITRA.,* and the winner of
booty in many
a battle,
4. (The sacrificer), in whose house
thou art the
messenger of the gods, whose offering
thou conyey-
est for their food, and whose
sacrifice thou ren~
deresfc acceptable,
5. Him, AXGIBAS, son of strength,, men
call for-
tunate in his sacrifice, Ms deity, his
oblations.
8. Bring' hither, radiant *AGKI*, the
gods, to (re-
ceive) our praise, and our oblations for
their food.

7* Whenever thou goest, AGNI, on a
mission of
the gods, the neighing of the horses of
thy (swift-)
moYing chariot, howeyer 'audible, is not
heard,

8. He who was formerly subject" to a
superior,
having been protected, AG-KI, by thee₅

now stands
in thy presence, as an offerer (of
oblations)₃ without
bashfulness, and supplied with -food.

^a FrzY/ff-may "be here • T}nderstood, an enemy in
general; or,
Agni may be identified with ***Indra***.